1 – Walking Worthily

**Luke Chapter 7 and Ephesians Chapter 4**

**Learning From a centurion and Paul about worthy living**

2 – Luke Chapter 7

A discourse on **vision**:

1. How the **Centurion saw himself**
2. How the **widow saw Jesus**
3. How the **multitudes saw John**
4. How the **Pharisee saw sinners**

3 - **Healing the Centurion’s Servant -** Luke 7:1-10

Having ***“heard”*** about Jesus. **(Luke 7:3)**

The centurion sent *“****some Jewish elders****”…*

The Jewish elders *“****earnestly implored****”* Jesus stating *“He is* ***worthy*** *for You to grant this to him”* **(Luke 7:4)**

Why did they deem him ***“worthy”***?

* *“He loves our nation”* and he *“built us our synagogue”*.

*“****Worthy****” –* “deserving” (Strong), “befitting… of one who has merited anything…” (Thayer) *(*Acts 25:11; 1 Timothy 5:18)

4 - **Healing the Centurion’s Servant -** Luke 7:1-10

**How did the Centurion see himself?**

Luke 7:6, *“****I am not worthy*** *for You to come under my roof”*.
(cf., Luke 7:36)

Greek: “Hikanos” – “sufficient…enough” (Thayer), “**sufficient, adequate**, competent” (Zodhiates) (Matthew 3:11;
2 Corinthians 2:16-3:6)

*“****Who is adequate for these things****?...* ***Our adequacy is from God****…”*

5 - **How did the centurion see himself? -** Luke 7:1-10

Luke 7:7, *“****for this reason*** *I did* ***not*** *even* ***consider*** *myself* ***worthy to come to You****”.*

Greek: “axioo” – “entitled” (Strong), “to think fit, **suitable, proper**” (Zodhiates) (Acts 15:38; 2 Thessalonians 1:11)

Therefore, *“do not trouble* (vex; annoy) *yourself”* to *“come under my roof”. (*cf., Luke 5:8; Revelation 1:17)

6 - **The Centurion’s faith -** Luke 7:1-10

The centurion’s request:

*“…say* ***the word,*** *and my servant will* ***be healed****.”* (Psalms 33:6-9, Hebrews 11:3; Luke 1:38)

* Application; 2 Peter 3:5-7, *“…by the word of God…”; (*Romans 4:21, are we *“fully assured”*?)

He is recognizing both the **authority** and **power** of Jesus Christ.

Based on what he had heard about Jesus, He was so **powerful** and mighty (**authoritative**) that He could command it *(“****say the word****”*) and it would happen.

7 - **Healing the Centurion’s Servant -**Matthew 8:1, 5-13; Luke 7:1-10

**How do we see ourselves?** (Luke 15:19; 17:10; Genesis 32:10)

**How do we apply the teaching of Ephesians 4:1 and Colossians 1:10 to walk in a worthy manner?**

8 - **Walking in a worthy manner**

**From the context of Ephesians 4:**

1. With **humility and gentleness**. (vs. 2; Philippians 2:3-5; Matthew 5:5)
2. With **patience** (**long-suffering**). (vs. 2)
3. Showing **forbearance** to one another. (vs. 2)
4. Striving for **unity**. (vs. 3; 1 Corinthians 1:10; John 17:20-21)
5. Devoted to just “***one***”… (vs. 4-6)
6. Equipped to **serve** (vs. 11-12)
7. **Steadfast and unwavering** (vs. 14; Colossians 2:5)
8. **Working together** in the body (vs. 16; 2 Timothy 2:21)

**9 - Walking in a worthy manner**

**From the context of Colossians 1:**

1. Devoted to **prayer** (vs. 9)
2. Filled with **knowledge**, spiritual **wisdom** and **understanding**. (vs. 9)
3. Bearing **fruit**. (vs. 10; Luke 13:9)
4. **Strengthened, steadfast** and patient. (vs. 11)
5. **Rejoicing** and **thankful**. (vs.12; Philippians 4:4-6)
6. Focused on our **inheritance** (vs. 12)